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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Chemical Warfare Control Act

1. On 22 September 1988, I responded to a request from Bob [redacted] of Senate Affairs/OCA to determine the Agency's views with respect to the above-captioned bill and relay them to Marvin Ott, staffer for the Senate Intelligence Committee. I gave a copy of the draft bill to [redacted] of the Arms Control Intelligence Staff. She coordinated her response with the Office of Scientific Weapons Research. [redacted]

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2. The first point made was that the provision regarding reports would require a substantial increase in resources, tantamount to an entire division which would deal with this matter exclusively. Ott stated that the provision now calls for an initial report within 90 days after the bill becomes law, with periodic reports every 180 days thereafter. I told him this would still pose a problem. [redacted]

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5. Ott was receptive to these comments. Senator Dole has already made some accommodation by setting up a mechanism under Senate Resolution 400 with regard to the reporting provision. Thus, Ott believes the bill will go somewhere, but is unsure exactly how far. There have been no hearings on this issue yet. [redacted]

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